

Appl. No. 10/796,831
Atty: Docket No. 2003M082
Response dated February 12, 2007

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REMARKS

Claims 1-124 are pending. In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects to pursue claims 1-22, Group I, with traverse.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner requires Applicant to elect one of the following designated groups for examination:

Group I, encompassing claims 1-22, "drawn to a composition, classified in class 522, subclass 1";

Group II, encompassing claims 23-43, "drawn to methods of making and using a composition, classified in class 523, subclass 1;

Group III, encompassing claims 44-124, "drawn to film and methods of using, classified in class 428, subclass 35.7.

(Office Action at page 2).

In an attempt to advance the prosecution of this application to allowance, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, encompassing claims 1-22, with traverse. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims 23 - 124 in future divisional applications.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Groups I and III are amenable to being combined and that such further grouping would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner as Groups I and III are drawn to related subject matter.

The claims of Group I generally include polymer compositions having units derived from ethylene and C₁-C₅ short chain branches. See pending claims. Similarly, Group II includes, but is not limited to, films composed of layers made from such compositions as are recited in Group I. Accordingly, as Groups I and III

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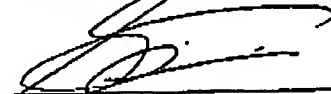
are drawn to related subject matter, i.e. compositions and products made therefrom, a restriction between groups I and III should not be required. Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider this restriction requirement after an initial search has been conducted.

Applicant believes that the foregoing is a full and complete response to the Office Action of record.

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